GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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EROSION DUE TO RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of massive erosion of embankment of Ganges, Rupnarayan and other rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments including West Bengal for protection of erosion;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action the Government have taken or proposed to take in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) constituted by Central Government had prepared comprehensive plans for flood management including river erosion for the main Ganga stem which also includes Bhagirathi, Hooghly, Rupnarayan etc. and the same were sent to respective State Governments for implementation.

(c), (d) and (e) Flood Management being a State subject, the flood control projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves according to their own priorities. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

The Government of India had formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) in January,. 2001 with a view to provide finanancial assistance to the Ganga basin States including West Bengal for implementing critical anti erosion schemes. Under this scheme, after examination of the proposals received from various State Governments, funds have been released to them during 10th Plan as under:-

(Rs. In crore)

Sl.No.	Name of State	Funds released
1.	Bihar	26.14
2.	Uttar Pradesh	16.69
3.	Uttaranchal	0.95
4.	West Bengal	10.78